

Remarks

Claims 1-16 and 18-28 were pending.

Claims 2-15, 24 and 27 are original.

Claims 1, 16, 25, 26 and 28 are as previously presented.

Claims 19 and 21-23 are amended.

Claims 18 and 20 are cancelled.

This application now contains claims 1-16, 19 and 21-28.

Claims 19 and 21 are amended to claim compositions of claim 1 which exist in a particular form. Support is inherent in original claims 19, 21 and 1.

Claims 22 and 23 are amended to claim compositions on claim 1 which exist in a more particular form than the film or fiber of claim 21. Support is inherent in original claims 21-23 and 1.

No new matter is added.

Restriction

The Examiner has requested that Applicants elect one of the following groups for prosecution:

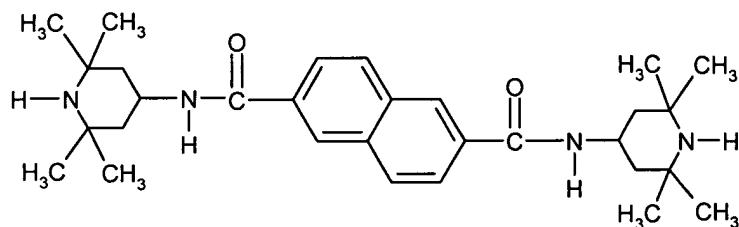
Group I - Claims 1-16, 25-28 drawn to compositions and compounds, and

Group II - Claims 18-23 drawn to articles and methods.

Applicants select Group I , claims 1-16, 25-28 drawn to compositions and compounds. Applicants however kindly ask that the Examiner consider rejoining instantly amended claims 19 and 21-23 in their present form drawn to compositions in a particular form.

Applicants respectfully maintain that should claim 1 be found allowable, more limited claims containing all the limitations of the claim 1 would likewise be allowable. Instantly amended claims 19 and 21-23 are now directed to the final form or shape of the compositions of claim 1. Applicants respectfully suggest that if a search were to show the compositions of claim 1 to be novel and allowable, no additional search would be required to determine that the end use of that composition, e.g., as a film or, fiber is also novel.

The Examiner has also required an election of single species from formula (I) of claim 1. Applicants elect the compound of the following structure,



exemplified in working example B on page 46 of the specification which is the compound of formula 1 where

R_1 , R_2 , R_3 and R_4 are hydrogen,

X is a group according to formula (II-a-2) and

Y is a group according to formula (III) where R_1 , R_2 , R_3 and R_4 are hydrogen.

Consideration of the present claims on their merits is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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